



TWO DIMENSIONAL POLAR COORDINATE SYSTEMS IN BI HARMONIC EQUATIONS

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Abstract

Planar half spaces are fundamental in analysis structure. However many mathematical method used to solve the equation associated with those structure their applicability. Finding a solution usually requires a solution process where the form of a solution is assumed so that governing equation are satisfied. This process is usually accomplished with the help of an Airy stress function that is determined based on a few assumptions about the relationship between the stress function and the true stress. The process is tedious and often a single solution that is valid for a single.

In this work we represent a general solution to a bi harmonic equation using Fourier series that works for a variety of boundary condition in polar coordinates. This function is simplified with minor assumption about its form and solved analytically. A representative problem and its solution is also shown.

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1. Introduction

The main purpose of this address is to bring to the attention of the workers in Airy stress function and related branches of applied mathematics a simple general method of solution of several important classes of 2-dimensional boundary value problem. A 2-dimensional polar coordinate study in rings and disks, curved bars of narrow rectangular cross section with a circular axis etc. Using the polar coordinates is advantageous to solve in airy stress function. If we represent the material particle under the state of stress by a square in the (r, θ) coordinate system, the components of the stress state are $\sigma_{rr}, \sigma_{\theta\theta}, \tau_{r\theta}$. We know that the two sets of the stress components are related as

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{rr} &= \frac{\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}}{2} + \frac{\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy}}{2} \cos 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}}{2} - \frac{\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy}}{2} \cos 2\theta - \tau_{xy} \sin 2\theta \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= \frac{\sigma_{xx} - \sigma_{yy}}{2} \sin 2\theta + \tau_{xy} \cos 2\theta\end{aligned}$$

Equations in polar coordinates:

The Airy stress function is a function of the polar coordinates, $\varphi(x, y)$. The stresses are expressed in terms of the Airy stress function

$$\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial \sigma_{yy}}{\partial y} = 0$$

The Airy stress function $\varphi(x, y)$ also needs to satisfy the stress compatibility

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2(\sigma_{xx} + \sigma_{yy}) &= 0 \\ \nabla^2 \nabla^2 \varphi &= 0\end{aligned}$$

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The Airy stress function is a function of the polar coordinates, $\varphi(r, \theta)$. The stresses are expressed in terms of the Airy stress function

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^2 \nabla^2 \varphi(r, \theta) &= 0 \\ \sigma_{rr} &= \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{r^2 \partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial r} \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial r^2} \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial \theta} \right)\end{aligned}$$

The bi harmonic equation is

$$\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial}{r \partial r} + \frac{\partial^2}{r^2 \partial \theta^2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{r^2 \partial \theta^2} \right) = 0$$

The stress – strain relations in polar coordinates are similar to those in the rectangular coordinate system:

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{rr} &= \frac{\sigma_{rr}}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_{\theta\theta}}{E} \\ \varepsilon_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{\sigma_{\theta\theta}}{E} - \nu \frac{\sigma_{rr}}{E} \\ \gamma_{r\theta} &= \frac{2(1+\nu)}{E} \tau_{r\theta}\end{aligned}$$

The strain –displacement relations are

$$\begin{aligned}\varepsilon_{rr} &= \frac{\partial u_r}{\partial r} \\ \varepsilon_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{u_r}{r} + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{r \partial \theta} \\ \gamma_{r\theta} &= \frac{\partial u_r}{r \partial \theta} + \frac{\partial u_\theta}{\partial r} - \frac{u_\theta}{r}\end{aligned}$$

A stress field symmetric about an axis.

Let the Airy stress function be $\varphi(r)$.

The bi harmonic equation is

$$\begin{aligned}\nabla^4 \varphi(r) &= 0 \\ \nabla^2 \nabla^2 \varphi(r) &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{d}{r dr} \right) \left(\frac{d^2 \varphi(r)}{dr^2} + \frac{d\varphi(r)}{r dr} \right) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

This equation has the same dimension in the independent variable r such an ODE is known as an equi-dimensional equation. A solution to an equi-dimensional equation is of the form

$$\varphi = r^m$$

Inserting into the bi harmonic equation, we obtain that

$$m^2(m-2)^2 = 0$$

$$m = 0, 0, 2, 2$$

The fourth order has a double root of 0 and a double root of 2.

The general solution to the ODE is

$$\varphi(r) = C_1 \log r + C_2 r^2 \log r + C_3 r^2 + C_4$$

Where C_1, C_2, C_3 and C_4 are constants. The components of the stress field are

$$\sigma_{rr} = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{r^2 \partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial r} = \frac{C_1}{r^2} + C_2(1 + 2 \log r) + 2C_3$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial r^2} = -\frac{C_1}{r^2} + C_2(3 + 2 \log r) + 2C_3$$

$$\tau_{r\theta} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial \theta} \right) = 0$$

The stress field is linear in C_1, C_2 and C_3 .

The stress field in the sheet is

$$\sigma_{rr} = S \left(1 - \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^2 \right)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = S \left(1 + \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^2 \right)$$

The stress concentration factor of this hole is 2. We may the spherical cavity in an infinite elastic solid under remote tension:

$$\sigma_{rr} = S \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^3 \right)$$

$$\sigma_{\theta\theta} = S \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{a}{r} \right)^3 \right)$$

The stresses can be obtained from the Airy stress function

$$= \frac{\sigma_0}{4} r^2 (1 - \cos 2\theta)$$

Problem

We will write the Airy stress function and the stresses in polar coordinates for a plate pulled in the X-direction by a stress σ_0 .

$$\sigma_x = \sigma_0, \quad \sigma_y = \tau_{xy} = 0$$

The Airy stress function that would give this stress is

$$\varphi = \frac{\sigma_0}{2} y^2$$

$$y = r \sin \theta$$

$$\varphi = \frac{\sigma_0}{2} (r \sin \theta)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi &= \frac{\sigma_0}{2} r^2 (\sin\theta)^2 \\ \sigma_r &= \frac{\sigma_0}{2} (1 + \cos 2\theta) \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= \frac{\sigma_0}{2} \sin\theta \\ \sigma_\theta &= \frac{\sigma_0}{2} (1 - \cos 2\theta)\end{aligned}$$

A circular hole in an infinite sheet subject under remote shear:

The sheet is a state of pure shear

$$\tau_{xy} = S, \sigma_{xx} = \sigma_{yy} = 0$$

We know that

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{rr} &= \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{r^2 \partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial r} \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial r^2} \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial \theta} \right)\end{aligned}$$

The stress function must be in the form

$$\varphi(r, \theta) = f(r) \sin 2\theta$$

The bi harmonic equation is

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial}{r \partial r} + \frac{\partial^2}{r^2 \partial \theta^2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{r^2 \partial \theta^2} \right) &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial}{r \partial r} - \frac{4}{r^2} \right) \left(\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial f}{r \partial r} - \frac{4f}{r^2} \right) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

A solution to this equi-dimensional

$$f(r) = r^m$$

Inserting into the bi harmonic equation, we obtain that

$$\begin{aligned}((m-2)^2 - 4)^2 (m^2 - 4) &= 0 \\ (m-2)^2 - 4 = 0 \text{ or } m^2 - 4 = 0 \\ m &= 2, -2, 0, 4\end{aligned}$$

The stress function is

$$\varphi(r, \theta) = (C_1 r^2 + C_2 r^4 + \frac{C_3}{r^2} + C_4) \sin 2\theta$$

Where C_1, C_2, C_3 and C_4 are constants. The components of the stress field are

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{rr} &= \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{r^2 \partial \theta^2} + \frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial r} = -(2C_1 + \frac{6C_3}{r^4} + \frac{4C_4}{r^2}) \sin 2\theta \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= \frac{\partial^2 \varphi}{\partial r^2} = (2C_1 + 12C_2 r^2 + \frac{6C_3}{r^4}) \sin 2\theta \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= -\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(\frac{\partial \varphi}{r \partial \theta} \right) = (-2C_1 - 6C_2 r^2 + \frac{6C_3}{r^4} + \frac{2C_4}{r^2}) \cos 2\theta\end{aligned}$$

To determine the constants C_1, C_2, C_3 and C_4 , We invoke the boundary conditions:

1. Remote from the hole, namely, $r \rightarrow \infty$, $\sigma_{rr} = S \sin 2\theta$, $\tau_{r\theta} = S \cos 2\theta$, giving $C_1 = -\frac{S}{2}$, $C_2 = 0$.
2. On the surface of the hole, namely, $r = a$, $\sigma_{rr} = 0$, $\tau_{r\theta} = 0$, giving $C_3 = -\frac{Sa^4}{2}$, $C_4 = Sa^2$.

The stress field inside the sheet is

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{rr} &= S\left[1 + 3\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^4 - 4\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2\right] \sin 2\theta \\ \sigma_{\theta\theta} &= S\left[1 + 3\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^4\right] \sin 2\theta \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= S\left[1 - 3\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^4 + 2\left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2\right] \cos 2\theta\end{aligned}$$

Problem:

Use the Airy stress function to guess at a solution for a hole in a plate problem.

Using the Airy stress function for a plate with no hole, We guess the solution for the plate with a hole to be of the form $\varphi(r, \theta) = f_1(r) + f_2(r) \cos 2\theta$

The Airy stress function in to the bi harmonic equation in polar coordinate .We obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{d}{rdr}\right)\left(\frac{d^2 f_1}{dr^2} + \frac{df_1}{rdr}\right) &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{d^2}{dr^2} + \frac{d}{rdr} - \frac{4}{r^2}\right)\left(\frac{d^2 f_2}{dr^2} + \frac{df_2}{rdr} - \frac{4f_2}{r^2}\right) &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{rdr}\left\{r \frac{d}{dr}\left[\frac{d}{rdr}\left(r \frac{df_1}{rdr}\right)\right]\right\} &= 0 \\ \frac{d}{rdr}\left(\frac{d}{r^3 dr}\left\{r^3 \frac{d}{dr}\left[\frac{d}{r^3 dr}(rf_2)\right]\right\}\right) &= 0\end{aligned}$$

The solution are

$$\begin{aligned}f_1 &= C_1 r^2 \log r + C_2 r^2 + C_3 \log r + C_4 \\ f_2 &= C_5 r^2 + C_6 r^4 + \frac{C_7}{r^2} + C_8\end{aligned}$$

The stresses are

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_r &= C_1 (1 + 2 \log r) + 2C_2 + \frac{C_3}{r^2} - \left(2C_5 + \frac{6C_7}{r^4} + \frac{4C_8}{r^2}\right) \cos 2\theta \\ \sigma_\theta &= C_1 (3 + 2 \log r) + 2C_2 - \frac{C_3}{r^2} + \left(2C_5 + 12C_6 r^2 + \frac{6C_7}{r^4}\right) \cos 2\theta \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= \left(2C_5 + 6C_6 r^2 - \frac{6C_7}{r^4} - \frac{2C_8}{r^2}\right) \sin 2\theta\end{aligned}$$

The constants we use the boundary conditions:

C_1 and C_6 become zeros because the stresses must be finite as $r \rightarrow \infty$, they must assume the forms for the plate with no hole giving us the expression for C_2 and C_5

$$\sigma_0 = -4C_5 = 4C_2$$

At $r = a$, $\sigma_r = \tau_{r\theta} = 0$ giving as the relations

$$\begin{aligned} 2C_2 + \frac{C_8}{a^2} &= 0 \\ 2C_5 + \frac{6C_7}{a^4} + \frac{4C_8}{a^2} &= 0 \\ 2C_5 - \frac{6C_7}{a^4} - \frac{2C_8}{a^2} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Finally, stresses are

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_r &= \frac{1}{2} \sigma_0 \left[\left(1 - \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2\right) + \left(1 + 3\frac{a^4}{r^4} - 4\frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) \cos 2\theta \right] \\ \sigma_\theta &= \frac{1}{2} \sigma_0 \left[\left(1 + \left(\frac{a}{r}\right)^2\right) + \left(1 + 3\frac{a^4}{r^4}\right) \cos 2\theta \right] \\ \tau_{r\theta} &= \frac{-1}{2} \sigma_0 \left(1 - 3\frac{a^4}{r^4} + 2\frac{a^2}{r^2}\right) \sin 2\theta \end{aligned}$$

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